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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE
RECOVERY OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 17, 2001

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Applicants request consideration of the two Japanese documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form.

As explained in the final rejection of July 18, 2000, the documents have not been previously considered by the Examiner and were lined through on page 1 of the PTO-1449 Form submitted October 27, 1998. The reason that these documents were lined through is that the Examiner had not been provided copies of these documents. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith copies of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 Form.

Regarding the required statement of relevance for each of these references, Applicants note that Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2-289956 is discussed in the specification beginning at page 4, line 4. The relevance of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 63-154696 is discussed beginning at page 5, line 16 of the specification. Accordingly, Applicants have sufficiently complied with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 regarding the content of the Information Disclosure Statement and MPEP 609.

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Applicants respectfully request consideration of the Japanese Unexamined Patent Publications listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 Form in connection with the RCE submitted herewith.

If a fee or additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or additional fee that may be required and credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

If the PTO determines that part(s) of the required content is inadvertently omitted, then it is requested that the Applicant(s) be given additional time and specific identification of such omission(s) to enable full compliance.

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